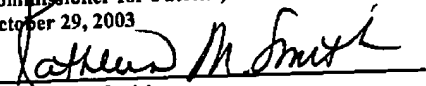


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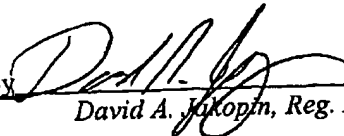
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This is a response to the Office Action of September 30, 2003, 2003 requiring restriction among the claims. Applicants elect to prosecute the claims in Group I, namely Claims 1-30 and 55, without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims.

Respectfully submitted

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